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REMARKS

Claims 1-134 remain in the application, noting that claims 114 (second occurrence) through 134 have been renumbered as Applicants noticed two claims 114 present. Some non-narrowing claim amendments were made to ensure proper dependency, and not for any reason relating to patentability.

The Examiner required restriction of one of the following inventions:

- Species I:** including Figs. 1-6;
- Species II:** including Figs. 7-8;
- Species III:** including Fig. 9;
- Species IV:** including Fig. 10; or
- Species V:** including Fig. 11.

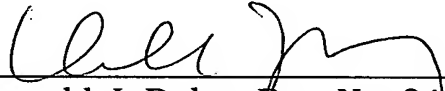
Applicants elect Species I, without traverse. At least claims 1-13, 20-25 and 56-134 are readable upon the elected species. At least claims 1, 94, 95, 97-102, 116-123, 125-129, and 131-134 are generic to all species.

For all of the above stated reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding restriction/election requirement and favorable allowance of all claims in the instant application are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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